

Winter Weather Update 12 Brookhaven roads clear and open for travel, city to delay opening tomorrow Thurs., Feb. 13, 2014 at 7:40 p.m.

Brookhaven roads are in good condition and are now open for travel. They are still very wet and could be slippery. Mayor Davis asks that drivers slow down and use caution.

Please note that Cheshire Way is closed until phone and gas companies move their lines. However, residents still have access to their homes. This is the only road that remains closed in the city at this time.

Some refreezing of roads tonight is expected, but by late tomorrow all roads should be in good shape to handle traffic.

Brookhaven City Hall will have a delayed opening tomorrow at 10 a.m.

DeKalb Sanitation Update

DeKalb County Sanitation will resume garbage collection tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 14. on a modified schedule.

All Residential customers with Tuesday scheduled garbage collection will be collected tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 14 beginning at 8 a.m.; Thursday scheduled garbage collection will be collected Saturday; and Friday garbage collection will be collected on Sunday.

There will be no Single Stream or Yard Trimmings Recycling collections Friday, Saturday and Sunday this week.

Commercial collection normally scheduled for Tuesday will be collected on Friday, Feb.

- 14; Wednesday and Thursday commercial collection will be collected on Saturday, Feb.
- 15; Friday and Saturday commercial collection will be collected on Sunday, Feb. 16.

All Transfer Stations and the Seminole Landfill will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Animal Crematory, Seminole Compost Facility and Customer Service will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Monday, Feb. 17 is a county holiday and no residential collection will occur. Sanitation will resume residential collection on Feb. 18 based on the holiday schedule.

Winter Weather Update 11 Brookhaven crews prepare for predicted refreeze Thurs., Feb 13, 2014 at 12:25 p.m.

Rising daytime temperatures are melting accumulated snow and ice. It is predicted that with freezing temperatures tonight, anything that melts today will refreeze.

Brookhaven Public Works crews continue to clear and treat major roadways for public safety and first responders. The city has received several requests for plowing and salting on secondary roads. Please understand that crews are not able to treat residential streets at this time as resources are devoted to making sure all priority one roads are passible as the refreeze approaches.

Mayor J. Max Davis asks that residents stay off the roads unless it's an emergency.

Winter Weather Update 10 Road treatment continues, full road conditions report expected later today Thurs., Feb 13, 2014 at 9:37 a.m.

Brookhaven Public Works Crews worked all night clearing and treating city roadways.

As snow continues to fall in Brookhaven, crews will continue to clear roads of snow and ice accumulation making them passable for first responders. Brookhaven Public Works staff are actively assessing road conditions and will provide an update later today.

Mayor J. Max Davis asks that all residents to stay off the roads unless it's an emergency.

There has been no change in the forecasted weather conditions this evening.

Winter Weather Update 9 Brookhaven crews to be dispatched at midnight Wed., Feb. 12, 2014 at 9:47 p.m.

There has been no change in the forecasted weather conditions this evening.

Brookhaven Public Works Crews will be deployed at midnight when snow accumulation is expected to begin. They plan to treat city roadways until at least 6 a.m. tomorrow with first consideration given to priority one roads.

At minimum road crews will clear one lane of travel in each direction for first responders.

Mayor J. Max Davis continues to ask residents to stay off city roads unless it's an emergency.

City staff will assess roads at daybreak and you can expect to receive an update on conditions in the morning.

Winter Weather Update 8 Brookhaven prepares for more snow accumulation Wed., Feb 12, 2014 at 8:40 p.m.

Brookhaven staff are preparing for forecasted heavy snow later tonight and early tomorrow morning. Current conditions are sleet mixed with some snow.

City roads are considered passable with one lane open in each direction for emergency responders. Buford Highway and Peachtree road appear to have the best driving conditions due to heavier travel throughout the day.

Brookhaven Police and Public Works crews are gearing up to handle slick roads as heavy snow accumulation is expected to start at midnight.

Earlier today Governor Nathan Deal's Office contacted Mayor J. Max Davis directly and offed to help Brookhaven. The city has requested assistance from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) in the form of additional salt/ sand mix material. The agency is working down a list of requests, but Brookhaven is confident that the city will receive this material. The city is grateful to GEMA and Governor Nathan Deal for their assistance during this winter storm.

Mayor J. Max Davis continues to caution citizens about unsafe driving conditions and asks that everyone stay off the roads unless it's an emergency.

Approximately 400 Brookhaven Georgia Power customers remain without power at this time. Emergency warming shelters are open and ready to take in anyone that needs shelter from the cold weather.

Winter Weather Update 7 Brookhaven crews continue to treat roads, city monitors power outages Wed., Feb. 12, 2014 at 1:49 p.m.

As Brookhaven crews continue to treat city roadways, city staff keep a close eye on power outages affecting approximately 400 Brookhaven customers.

Brookhaven Public Works crews have been plowing, salting and clearing city roadways and bridges since early this morning. Icy precipitation has subsided briefly giving the three crews a few hours of rest before they return to work. They will be treating key places in preparation for the return of snow/ice precipitation this afternoon.

Although priority one roads have been treated, they are not safe for regular travel. Roads and bridge conditions are being closely monitored by Brookhaven Police and Brookhaven Public Works.

With resources available, the city cannot clear secondary roads at this time. Road clearing efforts are geared toward keeping the priority one roads passable for first responders.

Mayor J. Max Davis asks residents to avoid driving unless it's an emergency.

City officials and staff have also been monitoring power outages in Brookhaven. Outage numbers fluctuate as Georgia Power crews make repairs. At this time, there are approximately 400 Brookhaven customers without power. Public Works crews have been dispatched to several locations where downed power lines have been reported in order to verify that the outage isn't due to a fallen tree.

Power outages must be reported to Georgia Power at www.georgiapower.com / 1-888-891-0938. Once reported, residents have the ability to monitor the status of power outages online. Please consider all downed power lines as active. Do not touch them.

In case of an extended delay in power service, residents are encouraged to seek warm refuge at one of the city's three emergency warming shelters:

- Brookhaven Police Department 2665 Buford Highway
- DeKalb Fire Station # 2
 1316 Dresden Drive
- Cowart Family/Ashford Dunwoody YMCA 3692 Ashford Dunwoody Road

Residents should report any downed trees in roadways to Brookhaven Public Works via the emergency maintenance line (404) 637-0540. Tree removal crews are on standby.

Winter Weather Update 6
City treats ice on priority one roads
Wed., Feb. 12, 2014 at 9:49 a.m.

Despite some sleet last night, Brookhaven roads and bridges remained in good condition until about 6 a.m. when the sleet precipitation started to increase.

Brookhaven Public Works crews are currently treating roads and bridges classified as priority one, listed below, and are monitoring the conditions of parking lots at the city's three warming shelter locations: the Brookhaven Police Department, DeKalb Fire Station #2 and the Cowart Family/ Ashford Dunwoody YMCA.

Priority one roads include:

- All Bridges
- Peachtree Road
- Buford Highway NE
- Clairmont Road NE
- North Druid Hills Road NE
- Ashford Dunwoody Road
- Johnson Ferry Road
- Dresden Drive
- East Roxboro Road
- Perimeter Summit Boulevard

Please note that the Colonial Road Bridge over the rail road is closed, however affected neighborhoods still have access via North Druid Hills Road.

The City of Dunwoody has closed the Perimeter Center Parkway Bridge over I-285.

In the event of a power outage, Georgia Power will be able to maneuver Brookhaven roads as their trucks are equipped to handle ice.

There have been no loss of power or downed trees reported at this time.

Mayor J. Max Davis is asking that all citizens stay off the roads unless it's an emergency.

Winter Weather Update 5 City holds back salt trucks as forecasts reveal ice delays Tues., Feb. 11, 2014 at 11:35 p.m.

Reports indicate that the predicted Brookhaven weather pattern has shifted and the ice is now expected to arrive around 3 a.m. or 4 a.m. Rain is still predicted to begin around midnight.

Brookhaven Public Works Crews originally planned to begin treating roads at midnight or before. Now that the ice forecast has been delayed, crews will hold off on treating city roads and bridges until after midnight in an effort to conserve salt/sand mix. If the roads are treated during the rain, it is likely that the material will wash away and be less effective on the icy road conditions expected to follow the rain. City officials and staff continue to monitor the weather as it could change quickly.

Once the ice arrives, accumulation is predicted to reach approximately 0.25". Snow accumulation between one and three inches is expected to begin tomorrow afternoon and continue into the evening. The combination of snow and ice will result in dangerous road conditions as well as fallen trees and power lines.

At this time, roads are in relatively good condition but drivers should keep in mind that conditions could change very quickly.

Crews plan to clear roads with a minimum of one lane open each way to accommodate first responder vehicles. Major city thoroughfares, including Buford Highway and Peachtree Road will be addressed first.

Mayor J. Max Davis is advising the public to stay off the roads unless it's an emergency.

Residents without power should take refuge from the cold temperatures at one of the city's three emergency warming shelters at the Brookhaven Police Department, DeKalb Fire Station # 2 and the Ashford Dunwoody YMCA.

The city will provide additional weather and road conditions updates beginning tomorrow morning.

Winter Weather Update 4 City activates emergency response, establishes emergency warming shelters Tues., Feb. 11, 2014 at 7:12 p.m.

Brookhaven residents should expect to see more ice/ snow mixture later this evening and into tomorrow making driving conditions very dangerous. With ice accumulation predicted to be between 0.2" and 0.75", coupled with strong winds, there is a high possibility for fallen trees and down power lines that can lead to power outages.

In preparation for worsening weather conditions, Brookhaven officials, staff and police officers have been in constant contact coordinating response efforts to keep residents safe and aware of potential issues.

Residents should report any fallen trees in roadways to Brookhaven Public Works Emergency Maintenance at (404) 637-0540. Any disruption in power service should be reported to Georgia Power at http://www.georgiapower.com/ or at 1-888-891-0938. All down power lines should be considered live and residents are cautioned not to touch them.

Brookhaven Public Works crews are ready to be dispatched tonight when freezing rain is forecasted to begin. As icy conditions increase tonight, crews will clear roads one way in each direction at minimum, making them passable for first responders.

Mayor J. Max Davis and Chief Gary Yandura ask that residents stay off the streets, especially this evening as public works crews prepare the roads.

In anticipation of power outages and dangerous road conditions tonight and tomorrow, Brookhaven has established three emergency warming shelters for stranded motorists and residents without power.

Emergency warming shelters are located at the following facilities:

- Brookhaven Police Department
 2665 Buford Highway, Brookhaven, GA
- 2. Cowart Family/ Ashford Dunwoody YMCA 3692 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Brookhaven, GA (see note)
- DeKalb Fire Station #2
 1316 Dresden Drive NE, Brookhaven, GA

"Safety is paramount during this storm. We want to make sure people have a warm, safe place to ride out the weather in the event they are without power or are stranded on the roads." Brookhaven Police Chief Gary Yandura said.

Brookhaven Police officers will be stationed at each center location. Guests will be able to charge cell phones and seek comfortable refuge until power is restored and/or roads are safe for travel.

"We are grateful to DeKalb Fire Station #2 and the YMCA for partnering with our police department to help make refuge as accessible as possible for those in need." Brookhaven Mayor J. Max Davis said.

Please note that individuals seeking shelter at YMCA will need to contact Brookhaven Emergency Operations Center 404-637-0596 to gain access.

For real-time shelter information, please follow the city and the police department on social media.

Brookhaven Winter Storm Update 3 Crews gear up to treat roads, police provide safety tips Tues., Feb. 11, 2014 at 2:09 p.m.

There are still no reports of ice on Brookhaven roads and bridges. Residents north of Peachtree Road received some sleet earlier today, but it melted upon hitting the streets.

Brookhaven is currently in a lull between the two weather events. City officials and staff continue to monitor conditions closely as they are expected to change quickly.

Public works crews are prepared for severe weather to hit our area and remain on standby at staging locations. They are equipped with additional salt/sand mix material from the Georgia Department of Transportation. Crews plan to treat roads and bridges in advance of the next winter weather event.

Mayor J. Max Davis is asking all citizens to use extreme caution when traveling on city roads.

The Brookhaven police Department shared additional safety information earlier today via Nixle, a new emergency alert service. Residents are encouraged to make a ready kit, plan for power outages and stay tuned in to updated weather information. You can review the safety tips and sign up for Brookhaven Police Department alerts here.

Purchasing Department Announcement

Vendors please note that the deadline for the RFQ for renovations at the police headquarters building has been delayed until Feb. 18. Please refer to the purchasing page on the city's web site for details.

Truck Traffic Rerouted Out of Metro-Atlanta Area

(From the Governor's Office of Highway Safety) Officers with the Motor Carrier Compliance Division of the Georgia Department of Public Safety are warning commercial motor vehicle drivers today of the approaching winter storm and providing travel safety information at the state's inspection stations.

The following information is provided to drivers as they pass through inspection stations.

- A copy of the weather advisory for the state;
- A reminder to drivers that thru-truck-traffic is not allowed inside the I-285
 perimeter of Atlanta unless there is a pick-up or delivery to or from a shipper
 physically located inside I-285; going to or from a repair facility for service which
 is physically located inside I-285; or a driver going to or from their residence
 located inside the perimeter.
- Information concerning Georgia law that operators of commercial vehicles (other than buses) with four or more drive wheels traveling on a road declared as limited access due to inclement weather shall affix tire chains to at least four of the drive wheel tires. Bus operators shall affix tire chains to at least two of the drive wheel tires before proceeding on a road with limited access due to inclement weather conditions.

Drivers are also being encouraged to plan an alternate route of travel around affected areas should conditions worsen. For more information, please visit http://www.gahighwaysafety.org/alternate-truck-route/.

Brookhaven Winter Storm Update 2 Brookhaven crews ready to treat roads today Tues., Feb.11, 2014 at 8:55 a.m.

Brookhaven officials and city staff have been monitoring weather conditions, roads and bridges throughout the night and will continue to do the same today as the precipitation is expected to change from rain to freezing rain, sleet, and possible snow.

Brookhaven Public Works command posts are positioned at city hall and the police department. Crews are on standby to begin treating roads.

At this time, there has been no reported ice on Brookhaven roads or bridges. Be advised that this condition can change rapidly.

Please continue to monitor the city's website and social media outlets for additional updated information.

Mayor J. Max Davis is asking motorists to use extreme caution when traveling today.

Brookhaven Winter Storm Update 1 City continues winter weather preparations Mon., Feb. 10, 2014 at 10:33 p.m.

Beginning tomorrow, Feb. 11 at noon the Brookhaven Public Works team will meet to assess road conditions and make plans to begin treating roads and bridges in the afternoon. Based on the current forecast and temperature predictions, the weather is not expected to change before noon. If the storm begins earlier, roads will be treated earlier in the day to get ahead of the storm.

Public works crews are currently on standby and are ready to respond immediately to any change in weather. Brookhaven Public Works Director Richard Meehan expects the bulk of the manpower to be deployed beginning tomorrow afternoon and into the evening. Crews will continue to treat city roadways and bridges throughout Tuesday night and into Wednesday. Public works crews will be in constant communication with Brookhaven Police to ensure roads are open (a minimum of one lane each way) for emergency services.

The city will issue regular e-blast alerts and post updated information to the city's web site and social media channels during the storm event.

Please note that in addition to the city council meeting cancellation tomorrow, the Brookhaven City Hall, Municipal Court and DeKalb County Public Schools are closed.

Brookhaven Mayor J. Max Davis is asking citizens to stay off roadways unless it is an emergency.

Brookhaven prepares for winter weather, cancels city council meeting Tues., Feb. 10, 2014 at 2:28 p.m.

In anticipation of more icy winter weather, Brookhaven City Manager Marie Garrett held an emergency response meeting this morning to ensure that public works, public safety, facility management and city communications teams will remain in a constant state of readiness throughout this storm event.

As a result of the meeting, the Brookhaven City Council work session and regular meeting scheduled for tomorrow, Feb. 11, have been canceled.

In preparation for the storm, the city has already taken the following steps:

More officers: Additional police officers have been called in to report early for duty. Overnight accommodations have been made for these officers allowing them to remain in the city during rest periods and report early for their shifts.

Storm precincts: Brookhaven officers will be positioned at various locations throughout the city to ensure residents have easy access to an officer if need be.

Detectives stay over: The Brookhaven Criminal Investigative Department Detectives will remain in the city during the storm.

Pre-treating roads: Brookhaven Public Works crews are on standby to begin pre-treating roads and bridges as early as tomorrow afternoon.

Public works command posts: Two emergency public works command posts will be set up at Brookhaven City Hall and the Brookhaven Police Department

GDOT Coordination: The city has been coordinating with the Georgia Department of Transportation to organize treating the city's two state-operated thoroughfares, Peachtree Road and Buford Highway.

Material supply check: Brookhaven crews have already checked on the salt/ sand mix supply to ensure that quantities exceed predicted need.

Coordination with MARTA: The city will remain in communication with MARTA regarding road safety as is relates to bus schedules.

Mayor J. Max Davis asks that residents stay off the roads if possible to allow for public works crews to treat city roadways and bridges.

With precipitation expected to contain more ice than the previous winter storm, residents should be prepared for the possibility of fallen trees and power outages. Below is a list of emergency phone numbers in case of need:

• To report emergency maintenance issues, such as fallen trees, please call Brookhaven Public Works at 404-637-0540, wait for prompt, then press 1.

In the event of a power or gas outage or landline phone or cable disruption, please use the following emergency dispatch numbers for the utility companies that service the City of Brookhaven.

- Georgia Power 888-891-0938. <u>www.georgiapower.com</u>
- AT&T 404-896-3880, Option 5. <u>www.att.com</u>
- Atlanta Gas Light 770-994-1946. www.atlantagaslight.com
- Comcast 800-266-2278. www.comcast.com

Please check the city's web site and social media channels for additional road conditions updates. Residents are also encouraged to tune in to local news channels to receive weather updates.

Winter Weather Advisory, Feb. 9 Sun., Feb. 9, 2014 at 7:53 p.m.

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory for north Georgia. Snow and ice are expected beginning late Monday evening leading into Tuesday morning of this week. The City of Brookhaven is watching this advisory closely.

The Brookhaven Public Works Department is preparing to pretreat roads and bridges.

Mayor Davis is advising all citizens to watch for updated posts on the city's website and through e-blast messages and to use extreme caution when traveling the roads and bridges in the city.